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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Negotiations for the Transfer of the GPO State Service Printing Facilities to the Agency for Operation in the New Headquarters Building

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph six.

2. The question of the disposition of the GPO State Service printing plant located in the basement of the Administration Building has been under consideration for some time. This facility exists primarily for the purpose of printing the NIS publications and ORR map work. Approximately 90 percent of the production of the plant is Agency work. Due to the distance involved, the possibility that the building in which this plant is located will eventually be demolished, and the inadvisability of hauling classified printing the considerable distance to the new headquarters building, it is planned to merge this facility with the Agency's facilities in the new headquarters building. This will permit the printing facility in the new headquarters building to perform all of the Agency's classified printing.

3. Numerous steps have been taken looking toward this consolidation of printing facilities. These steps include (a) development of plans for the printing plant in the new building which include the space and equipment required to do the printing now done by the GPO State Service plant; (b) preparation of equipment replacement schedules which will permit the procurement of necessary new and replacement equipment over a period of three years; and (c) discussions have been held with the staff of the Joint Committee on Printing to obtain their informal approval of the merger and their advice and guidance on the method of proceeding with these negotiations.

4. The next step seems logically to be to begin negotiations with the Public Printer. These negotiations are for the purpose of obtaining the Public Printer's complete approval of the acquisition of the State Service printing plant by the Central Intelligence Agency. Specifically it is planned to negotiate the following:

a. The transfer free of cost to CIA of all equipment originally purchased by CIA or its predecessor agencies and now in the GPO State Service plant. A list of this equipment is attached.

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b. The transfer to CIA of all other equipment in the State Service plant which will be needed in the new Agency plant at prices to be negotiated but not to exceed a total of \$225,000.00. A list of this equipment is attached.

c. The transfer of GPO personnel employed at the State Service plant to the Agency at such time as the operation begins in the new headquarters building. (This involves approximately 124 personnel working two shifts and will require a corresponding increase of the personnel ceiling of the Office of Logistics).

d. Satisfactory schedules for the transfer of equipment and personnel.

5. After satisfactory completion of the above negotiations, it will be necessary to obtain numerous other approvals. These include the Joint Committee on Printing, the Bureau of the Budget, and possibly the General Accounting Office. It is also possible that discussions will be necessary with a number of the State Service plant's customer Agencies including Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of State.

6. It is recommended that authority be granted the undersigned to conduct the above-mentioned negotiations.

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for JAMES A. GARRISON
Director of Logistics

The recommendation contained in
paragraph 6 is approved:

2 June 1956
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Attachments:

1. List of printing equipment purchased
by CIA or its predecessor Agencies
2. List of printing equipment to be
procured from GPO

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